

GOAL OF EFFECTIVE COURT
DEBT COLLECTION

- Assist crime victims
- Hold Defendants accountable
- Enhance public perception of the criminal justice system
- Assist Defendants in complying with court orders and the law
- Generate Revenue for the State and County

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COUNTY ATTORNEY COLLECTION
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

County Attorney collectors work with
defendants at the local level.

Defendant-based (not case-based) collection.

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A large percentage of defendants are
“frequent fliers” with multiple
delinquent cases and multiple issues.

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Where possible, County Attorney collectors provide a way for individuals to:

- successfully pay their debt
- legally register their vehicle
- obtain their driver's license
- avoid contempt charges for non-payment.

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Individuals who will not voluntarily comply are pursued through other collection methods.

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COLLECTION METHODS

- Collection letters
- Payment agreements
- Wage assignments
- Garnishments (regularly check and attach wages when individual has a job but doesn't pay)
- Suspensions due to nonpayment 321.210A(2)
- Registration lift holds once payments are arranged 321.40 (9)(a)(b)
- Driver's license reinstatement plans for those who qualify 321.210B
- Arrange plans of payment with prior to discharge from probation 907.9(4)

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For Fiscal 2011
Black Hawk County Attorney Collected
\$1,782,610

This is an \$182,550 increase
over Fiscal 2010 collections.

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It should be noted that State figures for
County Attorneys DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Victim restitution
- Criminal surcharges
- DARE surcharge
- Victim compensation fund
- Law enforcement initiatives (\$125.00)
- Sheriff Room and Board fees (356.7)
- Private collection designee

602.8107(4)(a)&(c)

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Thousands of dollars of Victim restitution,
Criminal surcharges, DARE surcharge,
Victim compensation fund, Law enforcement
initiatives, Sheriff Room and Board fees, and
City fines and Fees, are regularly collected by
County Attorney collectors for NO percentage
of compensation.

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FOR EXAMPLE

For the month of June, 2011, Black Hawk County Attorney collected \$234,127, including, victim damages, surcharges, room and board, etc.

Although State figures show \$146,367 for June for Black Hawk County, an additional \$87,760 was collected for things for which the County receives no compensation.

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Successful Fine Collections depends on staff dedicated to collection and on a strong working relationship with our hard working Clerks of Court.

Both the Black Hawk County Attorney and the Black Hawk County Clerk of Court have successfully worked together on Fine Collection since 1995.

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